This Week In Congress
January 5, 2004
Dear Friend,
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Welcome to " This Week in Congress. " I hope you find this newsletter useful.
Visiting with Kansans Across the State
Visiting with Nansans Across the State

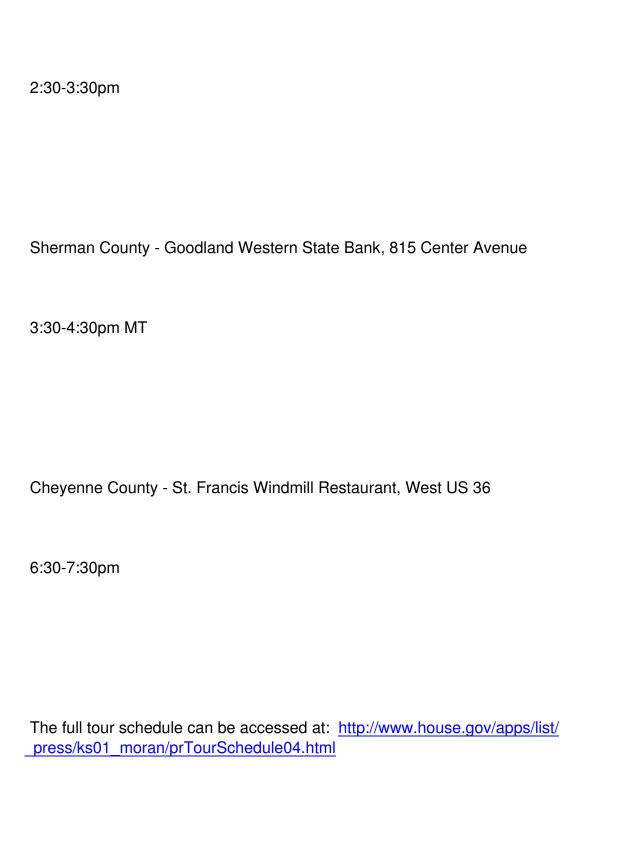
During the past three weeks, I have been visiting Kansas communities as part of my annual "Big First" Listening Tour. So far, I have visited with folks in 18 communities. I appreciate that people took time out of their busy holiday schedules to meet with me.
I will continue the tour this week by visiting Ashland, Kinsley, Osborne, Beloit, Burr Oak, Kensington, Greensburg, Coldwater, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Hays, Oakley, Colby, Goodland and St. Francis. I look forward to visiting you when I am in your county.
My tour for the next week is as follows:
Monday, January 5
Clark County - Ashland
Ashland Public Library, 604 Main Street
3:30-4:30pm

Edwards County - Kinsley City Hall-Community Room, 721 Main Street
7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 6
Osborne County - Osborne Circle Inn Restaurant, 1106 West Highway 24
10:00-11:00am
Mitchell County - Beloit
Municipal Building, 119 N. Hersey
12:00-1:00pm

Jewell County - Burr Oak Senior Center
2:00-3:00pm
Smith County - Kensington
Senior Community Center, 102 North Pine and Main
4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday, January 7
Kiowa County - Greensburg Farmers Grain and Supply, 311 N. Main
10:15-11:15am

Comanche County - Coldwater Supper Club, 511 North Central 12:00-1:00pm Barber County - Medicine Lodge SCTelcom, 101 South Main Street 2:00-3:00pm Pratt County - Pratt Municipal Building, 3rd & Jackson 3:45-4:45pm

Saturday, January 10
Ellis County - Hays
KSU Research Center, 1232 240 Avenue
8:00-9:00am
Monday, January 12
Logan County - Oakley Colonial Steak House, I-70 & US 83
1:00-2:00pm
Thomas County - Colby Senior Progress Center, 156 Fike Park



In addition to the tour, I spent the week with friends and family celebrating the holiday season. My family and I have much to be thankful for, and it is my hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with neighbors and loved ones.

Cheering On the Kansas State Wildcats

This past weekend, I also joined Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Senator Pat Roberts and 20,000 other Kansas State fans to cheer on the Wildcats against the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl football game. Though they were on the losing end, I commend the team for their efforts and wish Coach Bill Snyder and the team success in 2004.

In the Office

In for a tour of the Capitol were Eric and Amy Hoch Altwegg of Abilene, and Wesley and Shirley Hoch of Logan. Also in the office this week was Clark and Barbara Harris of Tribune.
Very truly yours,
Jerry